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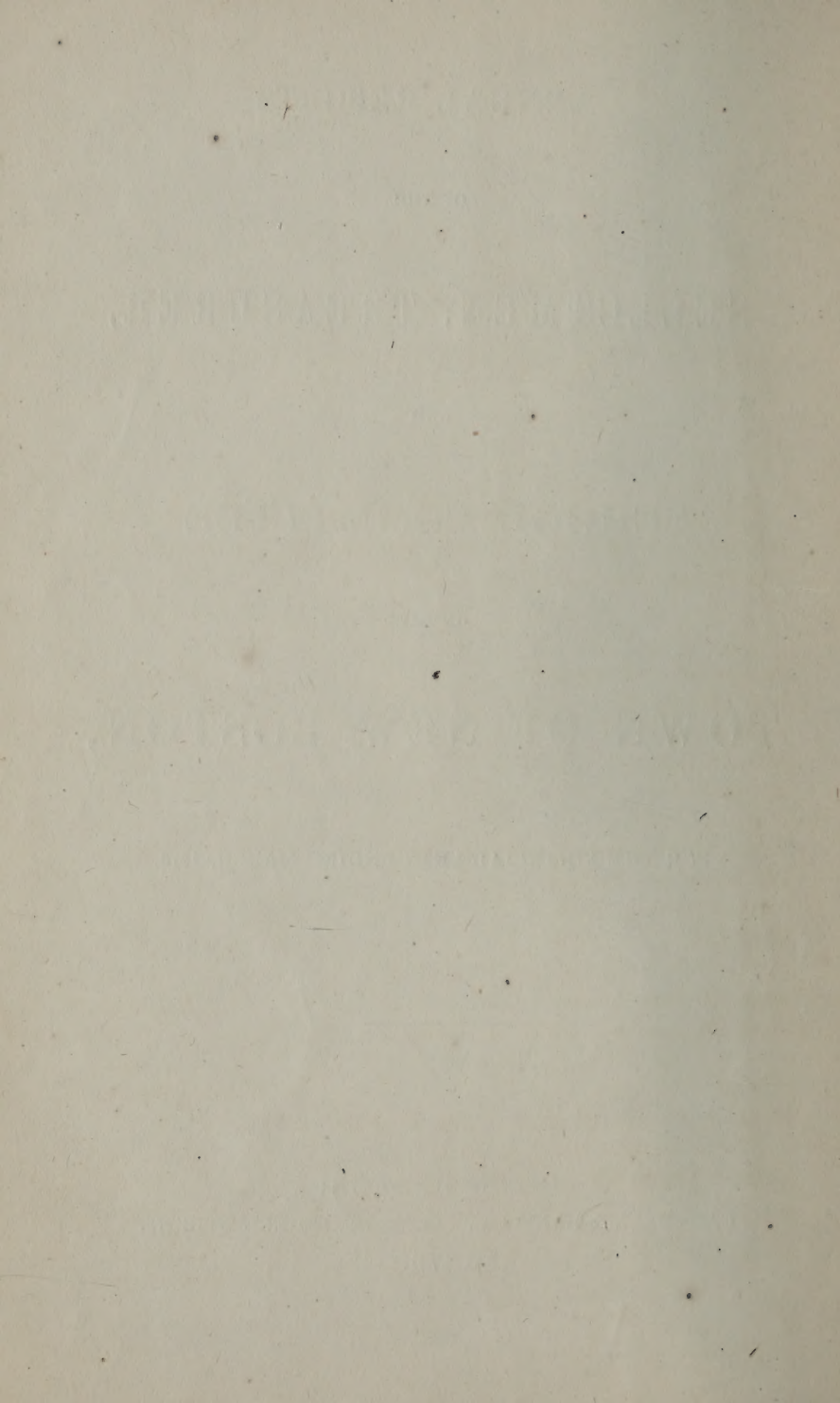
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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER.

The Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of New Boston, submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ending March 1, 1873:

RECEIPTS.

Amount of taxes assessed	\$8,457 63
Savings bank tax	1,879 23
Railroad tax	57 92
Literary fund	98 70
Insurance tax	11 25
Dog tax	71 00
Balance for interest on taxes for 1871	78 86
Old hearse and harness	13 55
Nathan Hall, old plank	1 70
E. C. Colby, for lumber	1 25
For use of town-house for 1871 and 1872	22 25
Received State bonds	8,818 88
Interest on taxes for 1872, up to March 1	9 76
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	\$19,521 98
Money and taxes reported in the Treasurer and Collector's hands, March 1, 1872	\$5,056 63
Error in Treasurer's report of last year	75 23
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	\$4,981 40
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	\$24,503 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax	\$1,470 00
County tax	927 29
School house tax in District No. 8	118 98
" " " 9	625 00
" " " 12	268 00
" " " 4	200 00
" " " 17	60 00
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	\$3,669 27

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1,	\$32 87	Dist. No. 10,	\$60 67
" 2,	112 41	" 11,	99 18
" 3,	60 25	" 12,	48 35
" 4,	125 80	" 13,	105 53
" 5,	80 97	" 14,	57 86
" 6,	127 91	" 15,	69 73
" 7,	89 53	" 16,	137 78
" 8,	473 80	" 17,	31 39
" 9,	98 62		<hr/>
			\$1,812 65

PAID FOR REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

A. J. Bennett, labor on road in Dist. No. 23	\$49 93
Daniel G. Smith, 560 feet of hemlock lumber	8 40
Daniel G. Smith, one day labor on road in Dist. No. 25	1 50
David M. Brooks, labor on road in Dist. No. 27 and 41	27 74
David M. Brooks, ditto	3 75
Andrew C. Wilson, labor on road in Dist. No. 31	42 58
" " one hundred feet of lumber	1 25
" " two men and oxen, one day on Lull road	5 00
" " stringers for Lull bridge, 980 feet	24 50
" " labor on village bridge	2 00
Emerson Johonnett, 23½ days on road in Dist. No. 35	47 00

John Whipple, stone work	\$1 50
“ “ labor on Village bridge	2 00
“ “ damage on iron bars and chains	50
“ “ labor on river road	2 00
“ “ to use of falls	25
Z. Morgan, 220 feet of hemlock plank in 1870	2 86
“ 466 feet of stringers for bridges	9 32
“ 648 feet of plank	8 42
“ labor on road in Dist. No. 22	51 58
Stephen Burnham, labor on road in Dist. No. 17	12 26
T. M. Harvell, 217 feet plank for Dist. No. 5	2 17
Emerson Johonnett, four days on highway in 1871	6 00
“ “ one day on highway	1 50
Levi Hooper, labor on road in Dist. No. 10	4 45
Charles Goodrich, 14 days “ “ 18	27 50
Joseph Tucker, labor on road “ “ 24	3 33
Ezra L. Corliss, labor on road in Dist. No. 44	7 88
Joseph M. Orne, “ “ “ 28	17 00
Fred Sherrer, “ “ “ 32	9 97
Ezra L. Corliss, “ “ “ 24	2 00
Benjamin Goodhue, “ “ “ 21	4 00
Abram Wason, “ “ “ 22 and 24	10 00
Lyman Marden, “ “ “ 12	4 17
H. M. & J. O. Manahan, plank for village bridge	62 40
Daniel Gregg, labor and plank on road in Dist. No. 33	20 46
N. N. Philbrick, labor on road in Dist. No. 16	5 00
Amos Langdell, “ “ “ 24	33 00
E. C. Colby, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on village bridge	1 50
Almus Warren, labor on road in Dist. No. 38	54 65
C. W. Dodge, “ “ “ 11 in 1870	4 10
Amos T. Lull, “ “ “ 32	25 53
J. F. Marden, “ “ “ 10	3 00
Emerson Johonnett, 500 feet plank for How bridge	54 00
“ “ one wrench “ “	1 00
“ “ spikes “ “	1 25
“ “ labor on “ “	18 00
Abner Hoit, stringers “ “	40 00
Perry Richards, plank “ “	8 40
William Dodge, cutting and drawing lumber for vil- lage bridge	2 50

Charles F. Dodge, labor on road in Dist. No. 27	\$43 75
William Orne, " " " 40	2 50
" " " 24	87
Benjamin Baker, " " " 3	12 66
Jacob Bennett, " " " 24	2 50
John M. Holt, labor on How bridge two days	5 00
" " two days labor on Lull bridge	5 00
" " 320 feet chestnut timber delivered	7 70
" " two days labor on village bridge	5 00
" " $\frac{1}{2}$ day labor and plank for village bridge	2 25
" " $\frac{1}{2}$ day labor in Dist. No. 2	87
" " 320 feet oak plank,	6 40
John B. Brown, three days labor in Dist. No. 33	4 50
Benjamin Hall, labor on Smith and village bridge, and damage to land	11 50
Frank S. Richards, stone work on culvert in Dist. No. 27	10 00
Luke S. Lynch, labor on road in Dist. No. 16	12 00
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FOR BREAKING ROADS.

Paid D. F. Woodbury, for 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours in Dist. No. 31	\$9 91
" " 33 " cutting ice	5 50
J. Q. A. Caldwell, 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours in Dist. No. 3	11 75
Joseph Gage, 37 " "	6 29
George H. Wilson, 18 " "	3 00
David M. Brooks, 9 " "	1 50
Stephen Burnham, 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "	4 47
Roswell H. Lull, 33 " "	5 50
N. N. Philbrick, 68 " "	10 83
Benjamin Richards, 20 " "	3 33
Charles F. Dodge, 36 " "	6 00
Benj. F. Baker, 58 " "	9 67
George A. Prince, 119 " "	19 91
Wm. E. Andrews, 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	7 92
Alfred W. Read, 82 " "	13 67

Paid R. M. Shirley, for	18	hours in Dist. No.	2	\$3 00
Lyman Marden,	30	" "	12	5 00
Daniel Vose,	167½	" "	5	27 22
George W. Scruton,	81	" "	25	13 50
William Wilson,	21	" "	7	3 50
Amos A. Langdell,	45½	" "	24	7 58
Daniel Gregg,	101½	" "	33	16 91
Almus Warren,	33	" "	38	5 50
Luke S. Lynch,	187½	" "	16	31 27
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				\$232 73

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid George M. Shedd, Superintendent of Cemetery .	\$10 00
" " two days' work in Cemetery .	3 25
" " breaking roads to the tomb in 1871 and 1872	6 00
N. McLane, lumber and pickets for cemetery fence	11 00
N. McLane, erecting and white washing fence .	21 00
Atwood & Kelso, nails, hardware, &c.	4 04
Iron and blacksmith work	2 37
R. B. Cochran, surveying and making plan of Cemetery	3 00
Levi Hooper, for stone and drawing to the tomb	5 91
Tewksbury & Brother, for books and stationery	10 87
N. & R. McLane, window sill for engine house	1 26
H. J. Young, for board of the Selectmen in the Spring of 1872	11 60
G. E. Cochrane, services as Moderator in 1872 .	4 00
E. Warren, iron and work	5 55
S. K. Lawrence, painting engine house	14 00
J. Morgan, blunderbuss pipes for engine	16 00
N. P. Clark, for recording births and deaths .	7 75
G. C. Terhune, " "	7 25
Printing town accounts for 1871 and 1872. .	48 00
" blank bills and notices	4 40

Paid Jesse Christie, sheep killed by dogs	\$16 00
Sidney Hills, ringing and tolling bell	12 00
H. J. Young, for board of Selectmen	21 60
Dodge & Warren, hardware	6 45
Atwood & Kelso, hardware and paint for engine house	41 66
E. C. Colby, services as Selectman from March 1, to March 12	5 00
J. M. Holt, ditto	6 00
A. M. Campbell, ditto	5 00
Ezra Bebo, sawing wood for town house	1 75
G. D. Neville, repairing drills and sledge	1 78
William Orne, filling up in front of engine house	5 00
J. M. Holt, paid while taking invoice	5 25
Eben Dodge, sheep killed by dogs in 1871 and 1872	13 00
J. C. Jones, ditto, 1871	5 00
A. J. Bennett, for wood for town house	8 75
Clark & Huse, counsel on South road	18 00
Engine company	51 00
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	\$420 49

HUTCHINSON BRIDGE.

Paid Robert Wilson, for stringers	\$59 00
J. B. Colby, for stone work and filling	215 00
J. H. Gregg, for bolts	53 00
Johnson & Greer, for chestnut lumber, 4,262 feet at \$25 per M.	101 55
E. C. Colby, for making plans and drafts, and work 6 days	18 00
J. M. Holt, for 6 days' work	18 00
“ drawing plank	10 00
“ 384 feet of chestnut and hemlock timber at \$16 per M.	6 14
G. Parker, for 4 days' work	8 00
G. H. Wilson, for 3½ days' work	7 00

Paid G. H. Wilson, for oak lumber, 672 feet . . .	\$26 88
A. C. Wilson, for 2 men and 2 yoke oxen $\frac{1}{2}$ day	4 00
“ for 2 men $\frac{1}{2}$ day hewing stringers	2 00
“ for 1 man and oxen 1 day . . .	4 00
Fred. Sherrer, 3 days' work . . .	6 00
Henry Hutchinson, for board of help and labor on bridge	11 00
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	\$549 57

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Sidney Hills, poll tax for 1872	\$1 45
Almus Warren, over tax in 1871	13 38
Robert Brown, jr., “ 1867	5 40
A. R. Pearsons, “ 1871	5 25
Peter E. Douglass, dog tax for 1871	1 00
Almon Lufkin, over tax in 1871	10 50
N. C. Crombie, for the heirs of Betsey Gidding for 1871	25 41
Wm. H. Lowe, poll tax for 1871	3 15
John Milan, poll tax and school house tax, for 1871 .	3 38
Charles Spalding, poll tax for 1871	3 15
Thomas Lachance, poll tax for 1871	3 15
Mrs. Nancy Towns, school house tax for 1871 . . .	2 40
Moses Towns, “ “ “	1 28
Story and Richards, over tax for 1872	73
Mrs. George G. Fox, “ “	6 14
John Hills, “ “	3 53
Robert Brown, “ “	2 90
Josiah Pratt, “ “	3 62
Samuel Putman, “ “	1 45
Wm. E. Wagg, “ “	1 45
L. S. Frost, “ “	2 45
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	\$101 17

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON TO CLARENCE H. DODGE,

Dr.

To services as town Clerk :		
Town meeting, March 12 and 13	\$4 00
“ Nov. 5	. . . . .	1 00
Drawing and notifying jurors	. . . . .	7 50
Recording births	. . . . .	10 25
“ deaths	. . . . .	6 00
Paid Dr. Carr for certificates of births	2 25
Postage and stationery	75
Recording town business	15 00
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		\$46 75

Received payment,

CLARENCE H. DODGE.

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON TO JOHN M HOLT,

Dr.

To services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1873 :
1872.

March 16,	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	. . . . .	\$1 00
April 20,	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ days taking invoice and making taxes		25 00
22,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day to see in relation to paupers	. . . . .	1 00
23,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	. . . . .	1 00
25,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Hutchinson bridge	. . . . .	1 00
30,	1 day distributing warrants	. . . . .	2 00
May 7,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors	. . . . .	1 00
13,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days filling out collector's book	. . . . .	3 00
21,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house and Dist. No. 12	. . . . .	1 00
23,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Hutchinson bridge	. . . . .	1 00
24,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Manchester to pay county bills	. . . . .	1 00
27,	1 day at Weare	. . . . .	2 00
29,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Paper Mill village	. . . . .	1 00
June 7,	1 day at Weare	. . . . .	2 00
11,	1 day after timber for How bridge	. . . . .	2 00

	17,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	\$1 00
	19,	3 days recording invoice	6 00
	22,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	1 00
	29,	1 day after timber for Hutchinson bridge	2 00
July	8,	1 day at hearing on North road	2 00
	10,	1 " " "	2 00
	25,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day examining bridges	1 00
Aug.	13,	1 day at hearing on North road	2 00
	19,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors	1 00
	22,	1 day on Soapstone road and Dist. No. 8	2 00
	23,	1 day at Francetown after plank for vil- lage bridge	2 00
	28,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day after help	1 00
	5,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	1 00
	7,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " "	1 00
	27,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " "	1 00
	28,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Hutchinson bridge	1 00
Oct.	3,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day settling for Hutchinson bridge	1 00
	11,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	1 00
	14,	1 day at Concord and expenses, after State bonds	4 50
	15,	1 day at Weare and expenses, to pay town notes	5 20
	17,	$1\frac{1}{2}$ day preparing warrant and check-list	3 00
Nov.	2,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating check-list	1 00
	11,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day returning check-list	1 00
	22,	1 day at hearing on South road	2 00
	26,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day to see in relation to paupers	1 00
Dec.	14,	1 day revising juror box and drawing juror	2 00
1873.			
Jan.	4,	1 day at Concord and expenses to settle State tax	4 50
	15,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day to see in relation to pauper	1 00
Feb.	3,	" " " and at town house	2 00
	22,	8 days settling and preparing town ac- counts for printing and making war- rant	16 00

 \$117 20

Received payment by order on Treasurer,

JOHN M. HOLT.

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON TO ALFRED M. CAMPBELL,

Dr.

To services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1873 :
1872.

March 16,	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	\$1 00
April 20,	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ days taking invoice and making taxes	25 00
23,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	1 00
25,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Hutchinsons bridge, &c.	1 00
30,	1 day distributing warrants	2 00
May 6,	1 day at Concord to pay Ziba Caldwell's bills and expenses	4 50
9,	1 day at Amherst court	2 00
21,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house and Dist. No. 12	1 00
23,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Hutchinsons bridge &c.	1 00
29,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Paper Mill Village	1 00
June 17,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	1 00
22,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making division of school money	1 00
July 8,	1 day on North road and Hutchinson bridge	2 00
Aug. 22,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on Soapstone road	1 00
Sept. 5,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	1 00
7,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house and school house in Dist. No. 9	1 00
28,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Hutchinson bridge	1 00
Oct. 3,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Hutchinson bridge and settling for stone work	1 00
11,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	1 00
14,	1 day at Concord to get State bonds	4 50
15,	1 day paying town notes	2 00
17,	1 day putting up warrant	2 00
18,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day putting up warrant	1 00
Nov. 2,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating check list	1 00
11,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making return of check-list	1 00
21,	1 day on south road	2 00
22,	1 day on south road	2 00
Dec. 14,	1 day revising jury box	2 00
1873.		
Jan. 15,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Dickey's and Town House	1 00

Feb. 22,	8 days settling and preparing town accounts for printing	\$16 00
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\$84 00

Received payment by order on the Treasurer,

ALFRED M. CAMPBELL.

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON TO WILLIAM ORNE,

Dr.

To services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1873 :

1872.

March 16,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	\$1 00
April 20,	$12\frac{1}{2}$ days taking invoice and making taxes	25 00
23,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	1 00
25,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house and Hutchinson bridge	1 00
26,	1 day distributing highway warrants	2 00
May 21,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at school District No. 12	1 00
June 17,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	1 00
July 8,	1 day on north road	2 00
Sept. 5,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house	1 00
7,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house and Dist. No. 9	1 00
Oct, 17-18,	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days making warrants and check-list	3 00
Nov. 2,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating check-list	1 00
21-22,	2 days on South road	4 00
Dec. 14,	1 day revising juror box	2 00

1873.

Jan. 15,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Dickey's and town house	1 00
Feb. 22,	8 days settling and preparing town accounts for printing, and making warrants	16 00

\$63 00

Received payment by order on Treasurer,

WILLIAM ORNE.

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

C. H. Dodge, Town Clerk	\$46 75
James Averill, Town Treasurer	70 00
“ “ Collector of taxes	100 00
“ “ expenses to pay town notes	5 50
George A. Wason, Superintending School Committee .	70 00
John M. Holt, Selectman	117 00
Alfred M. Campbell, Selectman	84 00
William Orne, Selectman	63 00
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	\$556 45

PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

County of Hillsborough, for G. Peabody and James Taggart's board	\$237 62
Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, for support of herself and family	60 50
N. P. Clark, medical attendance	7 00
A. F. Carr, “ “	75
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	\$98 25

Elias E. Dickey, for taking care of Samuel Putnam in his last sickness	\$69 00
G. C. Terhune, medical attendance	26 00
John Small & Co., for coffin, robe, and socks	12 50
G. M. Shedd, attendance at funeral with hearse	1 00
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	\$108 50

City of Concord, for Ziba Caldwell, for board, and funeral expenses	\$114 52
A. F. Carr, medical attendance of Peabody family in 1871	11 50
A. F. Carr, medical attendance of Peabody child in 1872	3 00
G. C. Terhune,	6 00

J. M. Holt, cloth for Peabody child	\$2 40
Wm. Towns, for Peabody children, board	66 00
C. B. Cochrane, provision, and wood, for Peabody family	16 10
R. B. Cochran, ditto	7 82
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	\$112 82
John Hill, for Diantha Livingston, board	\$63 50
C. S. Fisher, for coffin, for "	8 00
G. M. Shedd, funeral expenses ditto	5 00
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	\$76 50
E. A. Leach, for board of Thomas Shepard from March 12, 1872 till March 1, 1873	\$100 00
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	\$845 21

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts \$24,503 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

State, county and school house tax	\$3,669 27
For the support of schools	1,812 65
Roads and bridges	861 60
Breaking roads in 1872 and 1873	232 73
Miscellaneous expenses	420 49
Hutchinson bridge	549 57
Abatement of taxes	101 17
Paid town officers	556 45
Paid notes and interest	11,730 09
Town paupers	845 21
Non-resident highway receipts	92 74
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	\$20,872 03
Balance in favor of town	<hr/>
	\$3,631 35

Tax in Collector's hands not collected	. \$1,529 30	
Money in Treasurer's hands	. . . 2,003 53	
	<u>\$3,532 83</u>	
Estimated amount of outstanding orders	. 98 52	
	<u> </u>	\$3,631 35
Notes and interest against the town March 1, 1873		\$13,802 33
Money in Collector and Treasurer's hands,	\$3,532 83	
Notes and interest due the town	. . . 710 89	
	<u> </u>	\$4,243 72
Town debts over and above assets		<u>\$9,558 61</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. HOLT,
ALFRED M. CAMPBELL,
WILLIAM ORNE,

Selectmen of New Boston.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW BOSTON CEMETERY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1873.

As the year has swiftly passed by with its many pressing duties, upon us all, we have not caused many changes in the general appearance of the Cemetery, nor have we but little to suggest to you for the season before us.

The Cemetery is hallowed ground ; and with its valued trust its care and improvements, is, or should be a common cause. While we may, by our position, have a general care and oversight of its management, it is yours to adorn, improve and care for those particular spots where rest in fact or prospect, the objects of earthly affections. We speak with pleasure of the improvements thus made in our Cemetery the past season. The erection of monuments, the setting of edgestone and the modest but beautiful green sward, whether in grass-banks or a plain lawn, if neatly cared for, has been more marked than any previous year, and our Cemetery has now some handsome slabs and monuments. The erection of a fence in front of the lot purchased of Robert Whipple by the highway, improves the appearance and secures the grounds from trespassing animals from the highway. The road around the old Cemetery remains yet unfinished, waiting for labor volunteered long since but never at hand. We hope such labor will come at an early time, else we shall deem it necessary to finish at the expense of the cemetery. The Tomb has demonstrated that its erection was called for long before, and its general use by the town is the best argument that it was not money wasted in build-

ing a town tomb. The present winter has demonstrated the necessity of a sleigh for burial occasions, as our excellent hearse cannot be used in the snow.

A vacancy existing in your board of trustees on account of the resignation of W. R. Cochrane, we hope you will select one willing to give a part of his time, care and labor for a common cause, ready through his love for the public weal, to incur censure as to secure commendation. Let us all realize 'tis now our privilege to care for and beautify these grounds, precious in the hearts and memories of so many; ere long 'twill pass to other hands as generations pass away and leave their duties to others. The subjoined list is the Superintendent's record of interments, removals, etc.

DANIEL CAMPBELL,
NEAL McLANE,
GEORGE A. WASON,
SOLOMON D. ATWOOD.
Trustees of the New Boston Cemetery.

LIST OF BURIALS, REMOVALS, &c.

INTERMENTS.

1872, Apr. 11,	Mrs. Levi Cochrane,	Age, 81 yrs.	Old Cemetery.
May 3,	Infant child of F. Sherreure,		Lot 47.
May 5,	Infant child of David Brooks,		Old Cemetery.
May 27,	Mrs. Charlotte Sargent,	Age, 73 yrs.	Old Cemetery.
June 2,	Infant child of Wm. C. Price, of Milford		Old Cemetery.
July 11,	William Peabody,	Age, 63 yrs.	Old Cemetery.
July 17,	Infant child of Peter Douglas,		Public Lot.
Aug. 1,	Child of Lewis Marden, of Nashua,	1 yr.	Lot 15.
Aug. 21,	Mrs. James McColley,	Age, 68 yrs.	Old Cemetery.
Sept. 18,	Mrs. Peter Hopkins,	64 yrs.	Old Cemetery.
Sept. 27,	Frank Andrews,	23 yrs.	Old Cemetery.
Oct. 4,	Mrs. Calvin Andrews,	28 yrs.	Old Cemetery.
Oct. 9,	Mrs. Dorcas Plantain,	92 yrs.	Lot 16.
Oct. 16,	Andrew Crombie, of Milford,	38 yrs.	Old Cemetery.
Dec. 8,	Mrs. George H. Chandler,	29 yrs.	Lot 29.
Dec. 17,	Diantha Livingston,	53 yrs.	Old Cemetery.

DEPOSITS IN THE RECEIVING TOMB.

1872, March 8,	Solomon Moor,	Age, 66 yrs.
March 19,	Daniel Dodge, 2d.	41 yrs.
March 21,	Infant child of S. D. Atwood:	
April 2,	Mrs. George Stevens,	Age, 31 yrs.
April 5,	Alexander Gregg,	74 yrs.
Sept. 20,	Samuel Jones,	74 yrs.
1873, Jan. 4,	Mrs. Chas. W. Dodge,	22 yrs.
Jan. 5,	Aaron White,	78 yrs.
Jan. 5,	Mrs. Rodney McCollom,	78 yrs.
Jan. 18,	Mrs. Thos. Averill, Francestown,	68 yrs.
Feb. 3,	Samuel Putnam,	Age, 64 yrs.
Feb. 21,	Mrs. Mary R. Jones,	61 yrs.
	Child of Geo. H. Chandler,	2 yrs.

REMOVALS.

Samuel Marden,	from receiving tomb to	Lot 15.
Capt. John Lamson,	" " "	Old Cemetery
Child of Solomon Dodge, Jr.	" "	Lot 20.
E. Cummings Peabody,	" "	Old Cemetery.
Solomon Moor,	" "	Manchester.
Daniel Dodge, 2d.	" "	Lot 37.
Child of S. D. Atwood,	" "	Old Cemetery.
Mrs. George Stevens,	" "	Francestown.
Alexander Gregg,	" "	Lot 18.
John Dodge and son, (Absalom), from Old Cemetery to Lot 15.		
Dea. Issachar Andrews and wife, from the Andrews' burying ground to Lot 3.		
Two children of Benj. Andrews, from the Andrews' burying ground to Lot 3.		
Two children of John W. Andrews, from the Andrews burying ground to Lot 29.		
Wife and daughter of Joseph Andrews from the Andrews' burying ground to Lot 4.		

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The completion of a year's work in the public schools affords an opportunity for review, that we may see what positive results have been gained, that we may test the excellence of methods and the thoroughness with which they have been carried out, and that we may endeavor to keep pupils, teachers and ourselves in the path of improvement. Gratulation comes naturally, and is always ready to rise to our lips, but criticism is needed also, if our progress in culture is to keep pace with this growing age, and if our town is to maintain and improve on its present system of public schools.

It is our duty to give a brief sketch of the present condition of the various schools, and to make some suggestions as to their needs.

DISTRICT No. 1.

United with District No. 9, Amherst. Money, \$29.39. Length of school 30 weeks. Where 3 scholars from New Boston attended school, under the instruction of Miss Letitia M. Adams. We visited the school during the summer term; was not able to visit it again, consequently are unable to report progress made.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Money, \$104.29. S. M. Christie, Agent.

Summer—Length of school, 9 weeks; wages, \$16 per month, excluding board; number of scholars, 7, average, 5; not absent one-half day, 1; instances of tardiness, 20; Miss Ella M. Butler,

of Goffstown, teacher. This school is small and rather backward. The teacher being one of ability, labored earnestly for the good of her pupils, and with creditable success.

Winter Term.—Length of school, 10 weeks; wages, \$18 per month, excluding board; number of scholars, 15, average, 10; not absent one-half day, 0; instances of tardiness, 35; Miss Ella D. Thorpe, of South Weare, teacher. The attendance irregular, order not the best, some left before close of term, some unruly boys to govern. This is Miss Thorpe's first attempt at teaching, and think that under more favorable circumstances will make a good teacher. Class in geography very good, reading and arithmetic fair improvement. There are too many text-books for the good of the school.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Money, \$54.45. J. Q. A. Caldwell, Agent.

Summer.—Length of school, 10 weeks; wages \$20 per month; number of scholars, 10, average, 9; not absent one-half day, 1; instances of tardiness, 6; Miss Helen M. Merrill, teacher. The discipline in this school was good, and the manner of teaching thorough. The scholars seemed interested, result was good improvement in all branches studied.

Map drawing on the blackboard, from memory, the best in town. Good class in algebra, and one in philosophy. But one term of school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Money, \$120.00. Calvin Bates, Agent.

Summer.—Length of school, 8 weeks; wages, \$16 per month; number of scholars, 12, average, $10\frac{1}{2}$; not absent one-half day, 5; tardiness, 2; Emma L. Clark, of Amherst, here made her first effort at teaching. The school was interrupted by sickness of teacher, yet most of those present at close of school gave evidence of improvement. Classes in geography and arithmetic answered the questions given them promptly. We might say there was a little want in discipline showed by some of the scholars at close of school.

Winter Term.—Length of school, 14 weeks; number of scholars, 18, average, $11\frac{1}{2}$; not absent one-half day, 3; instances of tardiness, 19; Miss Mary E. Tuttle, teacher. The district, since

the last term, have repaired and much improved their school-house, and the school, under the charge of Miss Tuttle, made good improvement, especially in reading, and some classes in arithmetic and geography; a good class in algebra. Order well maintained. The average attendance being small was owing to scholars coming in from other districts, at the fourth week, and not continuing to close of term. We think it a good school, giving general satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Money, \$75.17. Henry Fuller, Agent.

Fall—Length of school, 11 weeks; wages, \$24 per month; number of scholars, 13, average, $9\frac{1}{2}$; none present the whole term; instances of tardiness, 8; teacher, Miss Julia A. Dodge, of Francetown. At commencement, the school seemed dull and backward, with few exceptions, but at examination, school appeared well; answered review questions very promptly, in all the branches, but particularly in arithmetic. Attendance irregular, much to the disadvantage of the school; cause may be in time of school commencing. We might say good teacher and very poor school-house.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Money \$122.11. Frank Woods, Agent.

Summer—Length of school, 9 weeks; wages, excluding board, \$16; number of scholars, 17, average, 14; not absent one-half day, 5; instances of tardiness, 12; Miss M. Ellen Woodbury, teacher. The scholars were young but made a good beginning this term, and the fact that Miss Woodbury has taught in this school several terms, is sufficient evidence that the district are well satisfied with her services.

Winter Term—Length of school, $8\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; number of scholars, 21, average, 17; not absent one-half day, 3; instances of tardiness, 65; same teacher as previous term, with her usual success. This District has one of the best school-houses in town. The parents seem to take an interest in the education of their children. If there was any lack, it would be in point of order, yet all seemed to be harmonious between teacher and taught.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Money, \$83.75. George S. White, Agent.

Summer—Length of school, 9 weeks; wages, \$14 per month; number of scholars, 12, average, 10; not absent one-half day, 0; instances of tardiness, 52; Miss Laura A. F. Read, teacher. This was Miss Read's first trial at teaching. She was diligent and faithful in the discharge of her duties, and at examination every thing appeared orderly, and scholars, though young, had made a very respectable improvement. Too many tardy marks for long days

Winter Term—Length of school, 10 weeks; wages, \$20 per month; number of scholars, 11, average, 10; not absent one-half day, 2; instances of tardiness, 11; teacher, Miss Lizzie R. Stearns. The pupils in this school are young for winter school, the oldest being but 13 years. Classes in mental arithmetic and geography recited well. Some improvement in reading. Declamations and recitations were thoroughly learned and well delivered, for so young scholars.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Money, \$462.20. George H. Chandler, Agent.

Summer—Primary School. Length of school, 14 weeks; wages, \$24 per month; number of scholars, 30, average, 24; not absent one half day, 2; instances of tardiness, 97; teacher, Miss J. Allie Cross. This school commenced the last of May and continued seven weeks, then giving the pupils a short vacation, completed the school with seven weeks more. This school is composed principally of small scholars, just commencing to read. The branches taught were reading, spelling, primary arithmetic and geography, and they appeared to have made a good commencement. Was much pleased with exercises in figures on the black-board, and practical questions given by teacher and answered by scholars in concert. Order improved during the term. Miss Cross is gifted with noticeable aptness for teaching, and has had experience. We consider the school a decided success.

Fall Term—Upper school. Taught by Miss Emma J. Wallace. Length of school, 8 weeks; wages, \$20 per month, excluding board; number of scholars, 23, average, 19; not absent one-half day, 5; instances of tardiness, 45. The scholars not being pres-

ent at commencement of term—could not judge so well of their improvement. The classes in algebra answered with readiness, and other classes showed a good degree of improvement. Reading in some classes good; others needed a good deal of training to make them good readers.

Winter Term—Primary school. Length of school, 12 weeks; wages, \$24 per month; number of scholars, 25, average, 21; not absent one-half day, 1; instances of tardiness, 141. Teacher, Miss Abbie F. Corven. In a school composed of so small scholars, we cannot expect the best of order or the most perfect recitations. Miss C. seemed interested for her scholars, and in some instances they improved. We think Miss Corven, with more experience, will make a good teacher—were pleased with the reading in concert, and some of the recitations at the examination were well committed. Tardiness uncommonly numerous. Parents will do well to notice.

Winter Term—Upper school. Teacher, George L. Pease.

This school is in session at time of making this report—consequently have not a full report. From appearances at commencement and occasional visits since, we have reason to believe the school in a prosperous condition. Mr. Pease has taught this school before, and with good success; his manner of teaching is thorough and practical; has too many classes to do them all justice; is obliged to have some pupils hear classes, of which he has them in school competent. His record of attendance up to present time, good.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Money, \$92.82. B. F. Baker, Agent.

Fall Term.—Length of school, 8 weeks; wages, \$22 per month; number of scholars, 6, average, $5\frac{1}{4}$; not absent one-half day, 0; instances of tardiness, 3. Teacher, Miss Arabella L. Johnson of Derry. The school is small and this term has labored under some disadvantages. Think the teacher endeavored to have her scholars learn and with very good success.

Winter Term.—Length of school, 11 weeks; wages, \$24 per month; number of scholars, 9, average, 8; not absent half day, 0; instances of tardiness, 0. This term was commenced by Miss Lizzie H. Rowe of Goffstown, but after teaching a few weeks was

taken sick and the school was successfully closed by her sister. All classes recited with credit to themselves and teacher.

The only school in town with one exception where none are tardy during term.

The district have this year built a new and comfortable school house on a new location, the old house being burnt some two years since. Need a black-board.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Money given; scholars sent to the adjoining district in Goffstown, money \$54.87.

DISTRICT No. 11.

- Money, \$73.38. Charles Tucker, Agent.

Summer—Length school, 10 weeks; wages \$14, excluding board; number of scholars, 12; average, $9\frac{1}{2}$; not absent one half day 1; instances of tardiness, 12. Teacher, Lydia W. Dodge. At close of term the examination was very satisfactory, review lessons, good; particularly grammar, good class in algebra, reading had been well taught. The instruction of the school was such as to secure good order and substantial progress.

Winter term—Length of school, 12; wages, exclusive board, \$20; number scholars, 19; average, 11; not absent one half day, 3; instances of tardiness, 14; Miss Ida E. Sleeper of South Weare, teacher. Here we found some very good scholars; too many classes in arithmetic, there being six in written arithmetic, yet, all seemed to understand the ground passed over; good class in grammar and analysis, reading made commendable progress. The younger classes read and spelt well, geography fair, two good classes in algebra. Miss Sleeper labored patiently, and those that improved their time made good improvement; in the record of attendance too many absent days; tardy marks few.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Money, \$45.45. George Langdell, Agent.

Summer—Length of school 8 weeks; but 8 absent days during term. This school is a union with Francestown; composed of 3 scholars, two of which were from New Boston. We visited the school but once, and found it in an orderly condition, and receiving good instruction from Miss Fannie C. Goodhue.

Winter term—Length of school, 10 weeks; wages, \$22 per month; number scholars, 7; average $6\frac{3}{4}$, not absent one half day 4; instances tardiness 15. Mrs. L. S. Langdell, teacher. Upon visiting this school, we could hardly recognize the place, for the enterprising citizens of the district, believing the old worn and uninviting house unfit for educational purposes, had taken it away, and in its place had risen a new, pretty, and commodious school house, worthy of the purpose for which it was erected and reflecting much credit to all concerned—the school taught by one of their number whose abilities and experience, as a teacher, have before been tried by this district. Mrs. Langdell's manner of teaching is thorough and decisive, leaving each scholar to depend upon their own knowledge of lessons for answers, which were readily given. Would say, and think all of the many present, at close, will agree with me that it was a No. 1 school.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Money, \$99.73. Jacob Langdell, Agent.

Summer—Length of school, 10 weeks; wages, \$18 per month, exclusive board; number of scholars, 17; average, 14; not absent half day, 1; instances tardiness, 3. Teacher, Miss Emma J. Wallace. The attendance was irregular. Miss Wallace is a very decided teacher; order good; manner of teaching thorough, and their promptness, and correctness, in their review lessons at close of school, gave evidence of the studiousness of pupils, and faithfulness of teacher.

Winter term—Length of school, 10 weeks; wages exclusive of board, \$20 per month; number scholars, 20; average, 18; not absent one half day 7; instances tardiness. 26. Teacher same as previous term; Miss Wallace fully sustained her former reputation in this school. We found here some very fine classes in arithmetic, and grammar, and the first class in reading and spelling, might be marked above the average. General exercises of the smaller classes in reading were very instructive.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Money, \$52.06. James M. Waldo, Agent.

Summer—Length of school, 8 weeks; wages \$12 per month; number scholars, 4; average, $3\frac{1}{2}$; not absent half-day, 0; instances tardiness, 1. Teacher, Miss Minnie L. Burnham. It is

unfortunate for the teacher and scholars, to have so small a school, so small, the interest in a measure is lost ; but, unpleasant as the circumstances were, the teacher and pupils were pleasant, and the improvement made was a credit to teacher and taught.

Winter term—Teacher, Miss Emma M. Colburn. This school, though small is not backward, there being some good scholars ; nearly all, this term, were old enough to appreciate the advantages of a good public school, and improve by them ; consequence is a good school and decided improvement in all branches studied. As the register has not been returned, we are unable to give a full statistical report. Length of school, 10 weeks ; number of scholars, 8.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Money, \$63.93. George W. Scruton, Agent.

Summer—Length of school, 8 weeks ; wages \$12, excluding board, per month ; number of scholars, 7 ; average, $6\frac{1}{3}$; not absent one half day, 4 ; instances tardiness, 0. Miss Millie C. Waldo, teacher. The teacher was diligent, and faithful, in the discharge of her duties. Order good ; in reading and some other branches, commendable progress. Here we find one of the school houses that is not an ornament to the district.

Fall term—Length of school, 9 weeks ; wages \$20 per month ; number of scholars, 9 ; average, 7 ; not absent one half day, 2 ; instances tardiness, 12. Teacher, Miss M. C. Waldo. We find this term, more scholars than the previous term, only four present that attended the summer school ; so the teacher finds the same old school house, with almost a new school. Miss Waldo renewed her labors with fidelity, and with commendable progress to all ; especially some younger classes in reading.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Money, \$131.98. Amos Lull, Agent.

Summer—Length of school, 11 weeks ; wages \$28 per month ; number of scholars, 14 ; average, 11 ; not absent one half day, 3 ; instances tardiness, 3. Teacher, Miss Lydia A. Dodge. Miss Dodge has taught in this school four terms, previous to the present ; clearly indicating that the district appreciate the services of a tried and experienced teacher. The pupils are mostly young,

but made decided progress in all the branches pursued. We here find some quite sharp little scholars.

Winter term—Length of school, 10 weeks; wages, \$30 per month; number of scholars, 17; average, $15\frac{3}{4}$; not absent half day, 3; instances tardiness, 21; teacher, Miss Hattie A. Wilkins, Hillsborough. Miss Wilkins is a practical teacher, and her school gave evidence of thorough training in all their studies, reflecting much credit upon the teacher. Particular attention was given to reading and spelling, with decided success. These branches are passed over and not taught in too many of our public schools. There was reading in concert, the best we have heard; also, a good class in grammar and geography, with very fine specimens of map-drawing by members of the geography class. Order was maintained throughout the term. From some cause which the teacher is not responsible for, some of the best scholars were absent the last week of school, and were missed at examination. A large number of parents and others showed their interest in education and the school by their presence at its close.

DISTRICT No. 17.

We have received no notice of any school, consequently have not any report to make. Money, \$28.49.

REMARKS.

From the registers we learn these facts: that there have been taught 294 weeks of public school, attended by 263 different scholars—147 boys and 116 girls; that 60 scholars have attended school a term without being absent a half-day; the number between 4 and 14 years of age not attending school, 13; that the least number weeks schooling per district, is in No. 3, of 10 weeks; the largest number, in primary school, No. 8, of 26 weeks; average wages of teachers, including board, about \$21 per month; average expended on each scholar for one term, is nearly \$4.50. Number of visits by superintending committee 60; by prudential committees, 11; citizens, and others, 406. There have been twenty-eight terms of school in town the past year, with as much success as could reasonably be expected; at each of our visits we have found them in an industrious and orderly condition; one great fault in our schools is the multiplicity of classes occa-

sioned by too many editions of text books, particularly in arithmetic; in one school we found four different arithmetics, by as many different authors, much to the annoyance of the teacher and against the best interest of scholars. The parents have shown an interest in schools by visiting them at their close and at other times, but one school where there were none present at the close of term; in six districts the prudential committees did not visit the school during the year—in four districts the board was contributed, (to lengthen out the school); average attendance compares favorably with former years, but there is room for improvement, as much is lost in any school by the two great evils, *absence* and tardiness.

Teachers.—Prudential committees were very fortunate in the selection of teachers this year; the larger portion were persons of intelligence, ability and experience, who recognized the importance of their calling, and sought the advancement of all their pupils. It is comparatively easy to secure the progress of a few favorite pupils and make a showy examination by the exhibition of their brilliant points, but to inspire all classes, to rouse the dull, regulate the wayward, check the headstrong and make the whole number improve, requires sound judgment, tact and skill. There has been 25 different teachers, but one male; 14 of the above teachers are from this town. They have all manifested an interest in their work, and have labored faithfully for the advancement of their schools, and in no case has there been any very near approach to failure, though some have been more successful than others.

School houses.—The town has 14 buildings for school purposes, 10 of which are in very good condition; district No. 4 have thoroughly repaired, inside and out, at an expense of \$250; No. 9 built new at cost of \$625; No. 12 built new for the low figure of \$425, and it seems that no district would be willing to send its children to the old, gloomy, comfortless building, when so good a house can be erected for the above sum, or repaired in so good condition for the price of No. 4. Nos. 2, 5, 13, and 15 would do well to look at the above figures, (and perhaps the buildings) with a view to betterment. Districts No. 1 and 10 are without a school house; No. 8 has very much improved its looks and increased the comfort of its scholars by the erection of a piazza over its entrance. In every instance the school rooms were kept neat and

tidy, and in summer beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers, showing much taste and refinement on the part of teachers and scholars.

Our personal thanks are due the Prudential Committees, teachers, scholars and citizens, for their uniform kindness, courtesy and co operation. Respectfully submitted,

Regards G.

GEORGE A. WASON,
Superintendent of Schools.

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